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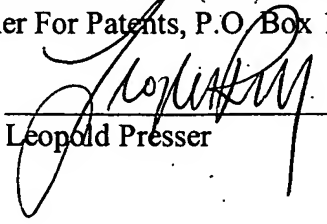
1. International PCT Patent Application Publication No. WO 00/78225 A1, dated December 28, 2000;
2. United States Patent No. 5,312,407, issued to Carter, dated May 17, 1994;

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3. United States Patent No. 5,468,244, issued to Attfield et al., dated November 21, 1995; and
4. United States Patent No. 5,213,112, issued to Niwa et al., dated May 25, 1993.

The references were cited in the International Search Report of a corresponding International PCT Application. Applicants are submitting a copy of reference number 1. In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003, applicants are not required to submit copies of the above-cited U.S. Patent references. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

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